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## FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|                      | ss of Reporting Perso<br>ERNON E JR  | on*      | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br>X Director 10% Owner |  |                       |  |  |  |
|----------------------|--|----------|--|--|--|-----------------------|--|--|--|
|                      |  | (Middlo) | ABG ]  |  | Officer (give title below)                                 | Other (specify below) |  |  |  |
|                      | VERNON E JR<br>(First) (Middle)<br>D FRERE & CO. LLC<br>LLER PLAZA, 62ND FLOOR<br>NY 10020 |          | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/15/2012             |  | ,  | ,                     |  |  |  |
| 30 ROCKEFEL          | LER PLAZA, 621   | ND FLOOR | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                   | 6. Indiv<br>Line)  | vidual or Joint/Group Filing                               | g (Check Applicable   |  |  |  |
| (Street)<br>NEW YORK | NY   | 10020    |  | X  | Form filed by One Rep<br>Form filed by More that<br>Person | 5                     |  |  |  |
| (City)               | (State)  | (Zip)    |  |  |  |                       |  |  |  |

#### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)         | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |   |                      |               |                   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|--|---|---|---|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|---|---|---|
|   |  |   | Code                                    | v | Amount               | (A) or<br>(D) | Price             | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)  |   | (11311.4)   |
| Common stock, par value \$.01 per share | 02/15/2012                                 |   | Α                                       |   | 2,754 <sup>(1)</sup> | A             | \$ <mark>0</mark> | 41,768  | D   |   |

# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 5. Nu<br>of<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>Acqu<br>(A) or<br>Dispo<br>of (D)<br>(Instr<br>and 5 | ative<br>rities<br>ired<br>osed | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/Y | ate                | 7. Title<br>Amour<br>Securi<br>Underl<br>Deriva<br>Securi<br>and 4) | nt of<br>ties<br>lying<br>tive<br>ty (Instr. 3 | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | Ownership<br>Form: | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D)                             | Date<br>Exercisable                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares         |   |  |                    |  |  |

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. The grant of the Issuer's common stock represents the annual equity portion of the reporting person's compensation for serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Issuer, and was granted pursuant to the Issuer's 2002 Equity Incentive Plan.

#### **Remarks:**

Darlene Quashie, Attorney-in-

**Fact** 

02/17/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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